Taralyn Atkins-Brown 2438 Kenwood Ave. San Jose CA 95128

Aug 29th 2018

Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am concerned to hear AT&T is lobbying to raise rates on small ISPs who use their lines.

As both a consumer and a small business owner, competition is important to me. Policies that squeeze out competition, and limit access to broadband competition, is of concern. In past, my options were limited to the monopolies of AT&T and Comcast - both who charged inflated rates and provided sub-par service.

I currently use a small ISP for internet and phone services, Sonic.net, who provides outstanding customer service and charges affordable rates. I can't imagine having to go back to AT&T.

Please don't fail small business owners/consumers like me. Don't allow AT&T to squeeze out the competition. Not only will they raise rates, they won't upgrade their lines. As it is, it is a fight to get AT&T to upkeep the current system.

Thank you for your attention on this.

Taralyn Atkins-Brown

Taralyn Atkins-Brown